

GOOD STORY ON POINDEXTER BEHIND KAU DITCH MEASURE

Thought He'd Get Protests
from Hawaii, But Not
One Came

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—The bill granting a franchise to John T. McCremon and associates to construct an irrigating ditch in the Kau district finally slipped through the Senate without a word of protest. The curious circumstance was that on the preceding day it had been taken from the calendar and returned to the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, at the request of Senator Clapp, now acting as head of the committee since the elimination of Mr. Lorimer. He announced that it was desired to make some changes to meet objections raised by Senator Poindexter.

For many weeks Mr. Poindexter had prevented action on the ditch bill because he violently opposed the provision permitting the sale of stock and bonds 100 per cent. in excess of the capital really invested. He believed that 20 per cent. would be a fair allowance. It was said that 50 per cent. would have been satisfactory to those interested in the project.

After the measure was sent back to

committee Mr. Poindexter withdrew his opposition overnight and the bill was again reported the following day and passed without discussion. The only change made was the insertion of a stipulation that the sale of stock and bonds should not exceed the limitations provided by law.

When asked for an explanation of his position by the Star-Bulletin correspondent, Senator Poindexter said: "I opposed the ditch bill because it permitted the issue of stock and bonds in an amount equal to the capital invested. I considered this excessive, believing a 20 or 30 per cent. margin ample. I delayed consideration of the measure for several weeks, expecting daily to hear from people in Hawaii acquainted with the circumstances and interested in the project. It was my impression that many would write and give their views. Not a letter or communication of any kind was received. I had no personal interest in the matter and finally determined that if the citizens of Hawaii did not care there was no real reason why I should do so. As the bill passed the Senate the issue of stock and bonds is governed solely by the laws effective in the Territory of Hawaii, if there be any, and the statutes of the United States applicable to that Territory. There is no other limitation imposed."

BUILDING PERMITS

Following are the building permits issued since last report. They include an Oahu College dormitory, estimated to cost \$2,861, and three dwellings respectively \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$4,650:

Ling Kiu, dwelling, Kapahulu road; Lau Choy architect and builder; \$900.
Macfarlane & Co., Ltd., alterations, Bethel street; M. & Co., builder; \$1,000.

Oahu College, dormitory, O. C. grounds; Emory & Webb, architects; Pacific Engineering Co., builder; \$2,861.
Spitzer, dwelling, Nuuanu street; R. Myato & Co., builders; \$600.

W. A. Welbourn, dwelling, Eleventh avenue, Kaimuki; Henry L. Knaack, architect and builder; \$2,660.
T. Ah Kong, dwelling, Liliha street; T. Ah Kong, architect and builder; \$1,600.

Y. Kobayashi, dwelling, Judd street; Y. Kobayashi, architect and builder; \$1,400.
Charles Brewer, Ltd., bakery, Palm Cafe, Hotel street; Ripley & Reynolds, architects; Pacific Engineering Co., builders; \$700.

C. M. Cooke, Ltd., repair roof on Elks' building, King street; H. L. Kerr, architect; Pacific Engineering Co., builder; \$1,000.

Young Tim, two dwellings, Rowland lane; Wong Sun, architect; Wing Tai & Co., builders; \$1,200.

Young Tim, two dwellings, Rowland lane; Wong Sun, architect; Wing Tai & Co., builders; \$1,300.

S. Takahashi, concrete floor and repairing, King street; J. Miyata, builder; \$1,000.

A. W. Carter, dwelling, Judd, cor. Liliha street; J. H. Craig, architect; A. W. Carter, builder; \$10,000.

Lapuna Keawepoole, move buildings, Luso street; \$200.

G. B. Schneider, dwelling, Matlock avenue; Ripley, Reynolds & Davis, architects; S. Taguro, builder, 575, Honolulu Gas Co., warehouse, Ocean View; F. Holmberg, architect; H. Mastuto, builder; \$590.

M. Robello, dwelling, Funchal street; Fernandez & Tavash, builders; \$760.

E. C. Winston, dwelling, Beretania street; Acetylene Light Co., builder; \$1,100.

Mrs. U. Storm, dwelling, 17th avenue, Kaimuki; A. E. Troel, architect; Y. Mujes, builder; \$650.

Charles R. Pflager, dwelling, Fort street; F. Holmberg, architect; H. Mastuto, builder; \$1,950.

Mrs. E. M. Adams, dwelling, Diamond Head road; M. Obita, builder; \$4,650.

Jno. Rodrigues, dwelling, Pensacola street; F. Holmberg, architect; H. Mastuto, builder; \$1,400.

F. L. Waldron, alterations in dwelling, Oahu avenue; T. Gill, architect; I. Usul, builder; \$1,050.

Mrs. Annie Kaea, four dwellings, Kukui street; R. Miyata & Co., builders; \$1,600.

Miss J. A. Cook, dwelling, Eleventh avenue, Kaimuki; Lew Henderson, architect; John Ouderkirk, builder; \$5,000.

C. R. Hemenway, dwelling, Jones street, Manoa; J. H. Craig, architect and builder; \$1,500.

ATTY. QUINN LOSES MEMORY IN NORMAN SMITH HEARING

Purely as a legal question and for argument's sake, Attorney Clem K. Quinn this morning failed to recognize his own signature, saying he didn't know whether he had written it or whether it had been forged, and that he didn't recognize the document to which it was attached, though said document has been a matter of public record since May 5, 1911, and his signature was attested by a notary public.

Thus it is proven that railroad and oil magnates are not the only persons afflicted with that peculiar malady of intermittent occurrence, known as lapse of memory, which the country's leading medical authorities already have recognized and classified as "lapse of memory." In fact, it seems likely that scientists will shortly discover the trouble is communicable, or that it is induced by a specific germ, just as laziness is caused by the hookworm.

Loses His Memory.
This strange exhibition of loss of memory occurred in the course of the hearing before U. S. Commissioner C. S. Davis to determine whether Norman B. Smith and Lily Hookano should be held to the higher court on a charge of violating the Edmunds Act.

The document in question is a petition for divorce, which court officials and the public generally have been induced for the last year to believe was filed by Attorney Quinn for Lily Hookano. At that time the woman was seeking a legal separation from her native husband, a person still supposed to be alive on one of the other islands.

No record was introduced to show that the separation had ever been granted, or to show that said husband is still alive, or to prove that he is dead. However, despite the indignant protest of Attorney W. T. Rawlins, the commissioner, possibly also "for the sake of argument," permitted the

admission of the divorce petition as evidence and decided that the accused pair should have a hearing in the Federal Court.

The woman was released on her personal recognizance, and Smith held on \$1000 bail.

Attorney Quinn was the only witness called, and Assistant District Attorney Biting encountered his first stumblingblock on one of his first queries. Attorney Quinn refused absolutely to say whether he had ever been counsel for Lily Hookano.

He was somewhat inclined to be doubtful about his refusal at "first flush," until he was assured by the Commissioner that the latter could not compel him to answer and could not fine him for contempt of court, but would have to go to the district judge for instruction if the witness persisted in his refusal.

Required to Answer.
Then Quinn persisted, and Commissioner Davis, after a conference with Judge Dole, said Quinn would have to answer. Then witness replied in the affirmative. Asked if he was counsel for Lily Hookano on May 5, 1911, witness again refused to answer, until the Commissioner informed him that Judge Dole, in ruling on the first question, also included the second. Again witness replied in the affirmative.

Then followed the test of memory. Witness not only failed to remember whether he had ever signed the divorce petition, but couldn't remember whether the Lily Hookano for whom he had been counsel last year was the Lily Hookano interested in the present case.

"Why, certainly I can't," he hotly declared, when Attorney Biting pressed him for an answer. "I've had hundreds of clients since then, and you can't expect me to remember the face of every one of them!"

NO SLUMP IN PRICES

Although the volume of business reported in today's stock exchange list is not more than a fraction of that of some recent days, yet there is no slump in prices, much less a stampede of sellers to unload sugar stocks. Of three companies dealt in for the day, only one shows a decline and that for an inconsequential sale of five shares. This is Ewa, the price being 31.25, a drop of a quarter point.

Onomea holds its own in a sale of 15 shares between sessions at 56.25, Oahu, unchanged from yesterday in three recesses, sales aggregating 70 shares at 27.75, advanced on the board to 28, the price it made on Tuesday last when a boom was on. Olua 6 per cent. bonds are still coming out, \$1000 being sold unchanged today at 97.50.

The activity sometimes manifest immediately after large dividend payments is thus far lacking on the present occasion. It looks as if those having sugar money are waiting for a slump before reinvesting, but gradually holders of sugar stocks are learning to be slow about surrendering a good thing. It takes more than a mere "boo" cry to scare the mass of them now.

A general cargo and a small number of passengers will be carried to Maui and Hawaii ports in the Inter-Island steamer Claudine, sailing at five o'clock this evening.

WOMAN TOURIST WRITES COMIC OPERA; PLAYED ON WILHELMINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 23.—Mrs. Wm. Summers, a Denver woman with strong literary and musical trend, was a passenger on the Matson liner Wilhelmina, which arrived here today from Honolulu. Mrs. Summers comes from a family well known in the field of playwriting. She has spent the past three months in the various Hawaiian Islands, basking in an atmosphere for a comic opera, which she completed aboard ship several days ago.

Among the 100 passengers aboard Mrs. Summers found sufficient musical and dramatic talent to stage her production in an improvised but pleasing manner.

As the Wilhelmina was nearing port last night a masquerade ball was given in which more than half of the passengers participated. Mrs. Summers, in a striking costume, took the part of the merriest of make-believe merry widows.

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PROMOTION BOARD WILL DISCUSS FLORAL PARADE

It is expected that the meeting of the Hawaii Promotion Committee this afternoon will be largely taken up in consulting Charles F. Chillingworth, director of the 1913 Floral Parade, as to his plans.

Secretary H. P. Wood has received a postcard from Bandmaster Berger, dated at the Wilmsdorf Hotel, Berlin, July 10, in which he says: "Arrived in Berlin. Long trip. Distributed all promotion literature. All like it. Let you know later."

Word from the Chinese ball team has been received in the following postcard message:

"MONTREAL, July 21, 1912.—Arrived here last night. Had no trouble with the immigration inspector. Will play this afternoon and be back to Vermont tomorrow morning. All the boys are in good health, enjoying themselves traveling. Aloha."
"E. K. C. YAP."

CHINA NOW NEAR TO MILITARY DICTATORSHIP

PEKING, July 25.—The military commanders in Peking held a meeting today, at which they resolved to urge President Yuan Shih Kai to insist that the Assembly approve his selection of members of the Cabinet. Otherwise, the commanders declare, they will assume control of affairs personally. This action toward a personal dictatorship of Yuan Shih Kai supported by the military has been expected for some time.

NEW - TODAY

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Dr. J. J. Carey, dentist, has removed his office from Room 307 Boston Building, to Room 19, Pantheon Building, corner Hotel and Fort streets.
5304-11

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Dr. J. H. Farrell, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, has removed his office from Room 308, Boston Building, to Rooms 9 and 10, Pantheon Building, corner of Hotel and Fort, where he will be permanently located after August 2, 1912.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE First Circuit, Territory of Hawaii.

In the matter of the Estate of Ernest Cummings, a Minor. On reading and filing the Petition of J. Alfred Magoon, guardian of said Ernest Cummings, a minor, praying for an order of sale of certain real estate belonging to his ward, situate on the islands of Molokai, Maui and Oahu, as per list on file, and setting forth certain legal reasons why such real estate should be sold; It is hereby Ordered, that the heirs and next of kin of said minor and all persons interested in the said estate, appear before this Court on Monday, the 26th day of August, A. D. 1912, at 9 o'clock a. m., in the courtroom of this Court, in the City of Honolulu, then and there to show cause why an order should not be granted for the sale of said estate. By the Court: J. A. DOMINIS, Clerk.
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